

Dover Man Arrested in Meth Lab Operation



Gerald W. Shields

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Dover – The Delaware State Police Kent County Governor's Task Force (GTF) has arrested a Dover man after information was received into the manufacturing of Methamphetamine (Meth) in a

resident's shed.

On Tuesday January 10, 2017 at approximately 4:40 p.m., the Kent County Governors Task Force (GTF), along with Probation and Parole Officers assigned to the unit, responded to the unit block of Wayne Drive, Kent Acres development, in order to attempt to make contact with two subjects who were wanted for capiases and violation of probation, along with following up on information received about a possible Meth lab at the residence. Upon arrival, neither of the subjects in question were located and the homeowner consented to a search of the property. Prior to conducting a search of the shed, troopers and probation officers made contact with **Gerald W. Shields**, 36 of Dover who was initially standing to the rear of the house near the shed. Upon conducting a search of the shed, detectives located equipment and component mixtures of the manufacturing stages of Meth along with key ingredients in making the drug, as well as 1.2 grams of Meth.

Gerald Shields was transported to Troop 3 in Camden where he was charged with Operating a Clandestine Laboratory, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), and Possession of Methamphetamine. He was arraigned at JP7 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on \$10,100.00 secured.

No evacuations were ordered as it was determined that there was no immediate hazard to nearby residents. DNREC also responded to the residence to assisted with the search and containment of the combustible substances.

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